

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Joseph C. CAUTHEN)	Group Art Unit: 3738
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Application No.: 10/085,040)	Examiner: David J. Isabella
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Filed: March 1, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 8078
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For: INTERVERTEBRAL DISC)	
ANNULUS STENT)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office
Action mailed on July 6, 2006. The fee of \$510.00 is enclosed.

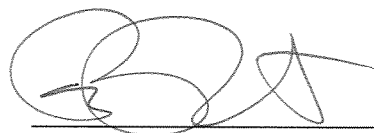
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Date: January 8, 2007

By:



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